

## **MEDICAID CODING GUIDELINE**

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# **ROUTINE FOOT CARE**

## **CPT CODES:**

<b>11055</b>	Paring or cutting of benign hyperkeratotic lesion (e.g., corn or callus); single lesion
<b>11056</b>	two to four lesions
<b>11057</b>	more than four lesions
<b>G0127</b>	Trimming of dystrophic nails, any number
<b>11719</b>	Trimming of non-dystrophic nails, any number
<b>11720</b>	Debridement of nail(s) by any method(s); one to five
<b>11721</b>	six or more

Care is considered routine unless the patient has a **secondary diagnosis** of a **systemic disease** and is under the active care of a doctor.

## **COVERED PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS:**

110.1	Onychomycosis, mycotic nails
700	Cons and callosities
703.8	Other specified diseases of nail (dystrophic nails)
703.9	Unspecified disease of nail

## **SYSTEMIC CONDITIONS:**

**The following diagnoses require a Q modifier:**

250.00-250.93	*Diabetes mellitus
440.20-440.32	Arteriosclerosis
443.1	Thromboangiitis obliterans
443.9	peripheral vascular disease, unspecified

**The following diagnoses do not require a Q modifier:**

340	*Multiple sclerosis
344.0-344.09	Quadriplegia
344.1	Paraplegia
344.30-344.32	Monoplegia
355.0-355.9	Mononeuritis of lower limb
356.0-356.9	Hereditary and idiopathic peripheral neuropathies
357.0-357.1	Acute infective polyneuritis, k polyneuropathy in collagen vascular diseases
357.2-357.4	*Polyneuropathy in diabetes, malignancy, and other diseases
357.5-357.7	*Polyneuropathy due to alcohol, drugs, and other toxic agent
357.8-357.9	Neuropathy, other and unspecified
451.0-451.2	*Chronic thrombophlebitis of lower extremities

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The asterick (\*) designates those code ranges that allow coverage only if the patient is under the **active care** of a doctor.

### **Class A Findings:**

- Non-traumatic amputation of foot or integral skeletal portion thereof

### **Class B Findings:**

- Absent posterior tibial pulse
- Absent dorsalis pedis pulse
- Advanced trophic changes, such as:
  - hair growth decreased or absent
  - nail changes (thickening)
  - pigmentary changes (discoloration)
  - skin texture (thin, shiny)
  - skin color (rubor or redness)

### **Class C Findings:**

- Claudication
- Temperature changes (e.g., cold feet)
- Edema
- Paresthesias (abnormal spontaneous sensations in the feet)
- Burning

## NATIONAL FOOT CARE MODIFIERS:

**Q7 – One (1) Class A finding**

**Q8 --Two (2) Class B findings**

**Q9 --One (1) Class B and Two (2) Class C findings**

One of the following combinations is necessary to allow payment for routine foot care:

1. 11055-11057 Primary dx – 700  
Secondary dx.- one of the systemic diagnoses
2. G0127, 11720, 11721 Primary dx – 110.1, 703.8, or 703.9  
Secondary dx – one of the systemic diagnoses
3. 11719 Primary dx – one of the systemic diagnoses

## **MYCOTIC NAILS**

The treatment of mycotic nails (without a systemic disease) for an **ambulatory** patient is covered **only** when the physician treating a patient's mycotic condition documents in the medical record:

1. there is clinical evidence of mycosis of the toenail
2. the patient has marked limitation of ambulation, pain, or secondary infection resulting from the thickening and dystrophy of the infected toenail plate

Treatment of mycotic nails for a **nonambulatory** patient is covered **only** when the physician treating a patient's mycotic condition documents in the medical record:

1. there is clinical evidence of mycosis of the toenail
2. the patient suffers from pain or secondary infection resulting from the thickening and dystrophy of the infected toenail plate.

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